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1. Two command posts for the sector of the Soviet-Czechoslovakian border located west and south of Drogobych (49-21N, 23-50E) are located in Turka (49-09N, 23-02E) and in Ustrzyki-Dolne (49-26N, 22-36-20E). Both of these command posts are responsible to oblast MVD headquarters in Drogobych. Source does not know what border posts are subordinate to Ustrzyki-Dolne, but two border command posts with their subordinate patrol posts are responsible to Turka. They are as follows:
 - a. Sianki (49-01N, 22-53-10E): About 250 border troops are stationed at the command post located in this town. Half of the troops are at a border check point at one end of the town, and the other half are at a check point on the opposite side of the town. The following patrol points are believed to be subordinate to this command post:
 - 1.) Beniowa (49-03N, 22-52-10E): This town is located about 12 km. from Sianki. About 150 Soviet border troops are stationed here.
 - 2.) Duczkarnia (49-03-40N, 22-52-20E): This town is located four kilometers from Beniowa. About 100 border troops are stationed here.
 - b. Lutowska (49-15N, 22-42E): About 250 border troops are stationed at this command post. The headquarters for this post is located in a large building south of the town on the road to Smolnik (49-12N, 22-42-30E). The following patrol points are believed to be subordinate to this command post:
 - 1.) Tarnawa (49-06-40N, 22-50-40E): About 100 men are stationed here.
 - 2.) Lockiec (49-09-45N, 22-46E): About 60 men are stationed in a former baronial estate located in the woods about 800 meters from the San River.
 - 3.) Dydiowa (49-11N, 22-44-59E): Between 80 and 120 men are stationed here. Some of them are billeted in a school located just left of the church in the town. One check point is located on one side of the town, and another on the opposite side.

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- 4.) Pohary (49-12-50N, 22-45E): From 15 to 30 men are stationed here.
- 5.) Boberka (49-12-30N, 22-47E): About 150 border troops are stationed here.
- 6.) Zurawyn (49-13N, 22-36-25E): About 10 to 15 men are stationed here.
2. There are also border posts at the following points along the border. Source does not know to what command post these border posts are subordinate.
- Smolnik: Sixty men are stationed in a building near the church.
 - Chmiel (49-13N, 22-36-25E): Border troops (size unknown) are located in or near the church.
3. Between the border patrol points there are also border defense points which are manned by three to four men. These defense points are usually located in a well-concealed bunker on top of a hill; one about every two kilometers. Each point is equipped with machine guns, machine pistols, flares, rockets, and telephones. The characteristic lay-out of these defense points is a circular trench in the center of which is a one-story wooden structure housing the troops. Radiating out from the house are arterial trenches.
4. On high peaks overlooking the border there are usually observation posts. One man is on duty at each post. He is equipped with a machine gun, a machine pistol, flares, and a telephone.
5. There are no systematic air patrols of this area of the border, and there are no regular airfields in Turka Raion. However, there are three fighter planes located at a small field at Jablonka (49-12-10N, 22-56-20E) which may be used for such patrols.
6. There is no rail traffic along the railroad which parallels the border from a point north of Duzkarnia until it crosses into Zakarpatskaya Oblast south of Sianki because the Soviets demolished the overpass in Turka during their retreat in 1941. This was a stone arch-type overpass, about half a kilometer long and about fifty meters above the ground, which crossed both the Stry River and the main highway through Turka. At this point the bridge enters a tunnel which was also partially damaged. Source believes that it will be at least five years before this bridge will be in operation again.

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